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PASS T. STRIEGLER, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE, INTERIOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, AS, US

SUBJ: ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS: LYREBIRD

REF: (A) STATE 237308 (B) STATE 205494

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED OCTOBER 29 LETTER DATED OCTOBER 21 FROM K.O. STILLING, ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER-GENERAL (IMPORTS/EXPORTS), DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, RESPONDING TO EMBASSY REQUEST FOR STATEMENT PER REF (B).

2. STILLING LETTER STATES THAT RESTRICTED GOODS PERMIT NO. 06926 WAS LEGALLY ISSUED APRIL 19, 1974 TO ROBERT F. BEGG, UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, TO ALLOW EXPORT OF ONE PRESERVED LYREBIRD CARCASS. ISSUANCE OF PERMIT WAS BASED ON EARLIER DETERMINATION THAT ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL FAUNA LAWS HAD BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND THAT CONSIGNEE WOULD BE PROFESSOR SIBLEY OF YALE UNIVERSITY, "WHO IT WAS UNDERSTOOD AT THE TIME WAS ENGAGED IN JOINT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITH MR. BEGG ON THE SYSTEMATICS OF PASSERINE BIRDS". HOWEVER, AT TIME OF ISSUING PERMIT, COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS NSW FAILED TO NOTE THAT CONSIGNEE WAS DR. BANKS WHICH EXPLAINS WHY BANKS', NOT SIBLEY'S, NAME APPEARS ON PERMIT AS CONSIGNEE.

3. STILLING LETTER CONCLUDES: "IF ADVICE OF THE CHANGE IN THE CONSIGNEE'S NAME HAD BEEN REFERRED TO OUR CANBERRA OFFICE
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APPROVAL WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN RESPECT OF A LYREBIRD FOR

DR. BANKS UNLESS DR. BANKS WAS ALSO ENGAGED IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
WITH MR. BEGG. AS IT STANDS, RESTRICTED GOODS PERMIT NO. 06926
IS A LAWFUL DOCUMENT EVEN THOUGH ISSUED IN ERROR."

4. EMBASSY IS ENDEAVORING TO HAVE STILLINGS' LETTER NOTARIZED,
HIS AUTHORITY ATTESTED AND HIS SIGNATURE AUTHENTICATED PRIOR TO
AIR POUCHING LETTER TO T. STRIEGLER, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE,
INTERIOR.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS WILL MEET
REQUIREMENTS DETAILED IN REF (B).
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